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SUBJ: FURTHER COMMENT BY TURKISH LEADERS ON GOT

RESPONSE TO US ARMS EMBARGO

1. JUSTIC PARTY (JP) FIGURES AND REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN BULENT ECEVIT HAVE AGAIN TRADED CHARGES AS TO WHICH PARTY HAS BEST UPHELD TURKISH NATIONAL INTERESTS REGARDING THE US ARMS EMBARGO.

2. IN A STATEMENT RELEASED TO THE PRESS JUNE 19, JP DEPUTY CHAIRMAN ISMAIL HAKKI YILDIRIM SAID: "MR. ECEVIT SEEMS TO HAVE FORGOTTEN HIS OWN PAST. IT IS MR. ECEVIT HIMSELF WHO BROUGHT THE MILITARY OPERATION IN CYPRUS TO A DIFFICULT POSITION THROUGH HIS REPEATED DIPLOMATIC FAILURES. IT IS MR. ECEVIT'S FAULT THAT WIDE GAPS OPENED IN TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH

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HER OLD FRIENDS AND ALLIES BY HIS FAILURE TO DEFEND IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA THE CYPRUS OPERATION WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT IN EXERCISE OF TREATY RIGHTS."

3. IN A JUNE 21 SPEECH AT KARABUK IN ZONGULDAK PROVINCE, MR. ECEVIT REPLIED: "THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO ACHIEVE A RESULT BY APPEARING VICTIMIZED AND THROUGH SURRENDER. ONE GETS NOWHERE BY SAYING, "WE HAVE BEEN SO LOYAL TO OUR FRIENDS; WOULD OUR FRIENDS DO THIS TO US?" FOREIGN POLICY IS A MATTER OF CALCULATION, NOT SENTIMENT. A COUNTRY WHICH KNOWS HOW TO ASSESS WORLD CONDITIONS, ITS OWN STRENGTH AND RESOURCES CAN OBTAIN ITS LEGITIMATE RIGHTS WITH DETERMINED RESISTANCE, NOT BY APPEARING INNOCENT AND SURRENDERING."

4. MR. ECEVIT CONTINUED: "TO THROW OFF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS IT HAS FALLEN INTO, THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT IS NOW

SAYING THAT THE AID-CUT AND EMBARGO STARTED IN THE RPP GOVERNMENT'S TIME. THE REALITY IS THAT THE UNITED STATES THREATENED TO CUT OFF AID AND TO IMPOSE AN EMBARGO TWICE WHILE THE RPP WAS IN OFFICE.....BUT THE THREAT WAS NOT CARRIED OUT. THE AID WAS NOT CUT OFF. THE EMBARGO WAS NOT IMPOSED....."
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